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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In The Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

85. A protective sleeve for a balloon dilatation catheter comprising:
an elongate member having a neck portion and a slit extending along the entire length of the tubular member from a proximal end to a distal end thereof, wherein a distal portion of the tubular member is flared from the neck portion to the distal end of the tubular member to define an enlarged funnel-like opening.
86. A protective sleeve as defined in claim 85, wherein the slit extends along a plane that includes a longitudinal axis of the tubular member.